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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application dated

June 5, 2000, (copy of Part 2 enclosed), the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents and an

Assignment are enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a duly executed Statement Verifying Small

Entity Status (37 CRF 1.9(f) and 1.27(c))- Small Business Concern.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge of \$65 to Deposit Account Number 01-2384. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

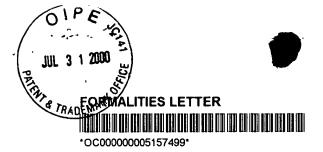
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- · The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

• The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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